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Examiner: Vinh P. Nguyen

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Group Art Unit: 2829

Inventor: Quanmin C. Su and William I. Russell

For: *Method And Apparatus For Reducing The Parachuting Of A Probe*

REPLY

Director of the U.S. Patent
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Sir

In reply to the Office Action dated November 25, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In The Specification:

Please replace the paragraph in the specification at page 8, lines 3-22, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In controlling the Z-module, the paraboost module 110 processes oscillation amplitude, phase, and/or other properties of the probe 120. These properties are detected, for example, by processing the signals produced by any number of standard detector schemes 105, such as a laser reflecting off the back side of the cantilever and onto a bi-cell or quad detector. An error signal from the detector is sent to the control module 150. If the oscillation amplitude of the probe 120 is too high, for example, the non-zero error signal is integrated and accumulated by the control module 150. When enough error signal is integrated, the control module 150 commands the Z-